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COMMISSARIAT NATIONAL A L'INFORMATIQUE, (ALGERIAN
NATION EDP AUTHORITY).

REF: ALGIERS 1111, 0559, 0702

1. MUSTAPHA BOUARFA, DIRECTOR OF ALGERIAN'S COMMISSARIAT NATIONAL A L'INFORMATIQUE, CNI (NATIONAL EDP CENTER) HAS EXPRESSED DESIRE TO MAKE OFFICIAL VISIT TO US IN LATE NOVEMBER OR EARLY DECEMBER 1975.
2. PURPOSE OF VISIT WILL BE TO UNDERTAKE HIGH LEVEL DISCUSSIONS WITH US COMPUTER FIRMS. MAIN SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED WILL BE EDP COMMERCIAL POLICY WITH REGARD TO ALGERIA. SPECIFIC ITEMS WILL INCLUDE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, POSSIBLE PLANT OPERATIONS IN ALGERIA, (JOINT VENTURE POSSIBILITIES) TRAINING PROGRAMS, AND BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES UNDER ALGERIA'S SOON TO BE ANNOUNCED 5 YEAR COMPUTER PLAN.
3. FIRMS MENTIONED BY BOUARFA ARE HONEYWELL, IBM, UNIVAC, NCR AND BURROUGHS. BOUARFA ANXIOUS DISCUSS ALGERIAN MARKET POSSIBILITIES AND ALGERIA'S NEED FOR TECHNOLOGY WITH OTHER EDP FIRMS AS WELL.
4. BOUARFA WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH APPROPRIATE COMMERCE AND STATE OFFICIALS INTERESTED IN ALGERIAN COMPUTER MARKET. QUESTION OF HOW US. EDP INDUSTRY CAN BE MORE USEFUL TO ALGERIAN DEVELOPMENT PLANS SEEMS TO BE BOUARFA'S MAIN PREOCCUPATION.

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5. BOUARFA WILL PROBABLY BE TRAVELING WITH ONE OR TWO AIDES, ONE OF WHICH WILL BE INTERPRETER. ALGERIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON WILL COORDINATE VISIT.

6. AS SOON AS EMBASSY RECEIVES CONFIRMATION THAT STATE AND COMMERCE CAN COORDINATE ON BRIEFINGS AND APPOINTMENTS, BOUARFA WILL BE INFORMED AND EMBASSY WILL REQUEST DETAILS OF TRAVEL PLANS SO THAT ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE STARTED.PARKER

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